

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph on page 3, lines 14-25, as follows:

FIG. 1 illustrates a prior art system 1 where hard-coded conversation logic is utilized. The system 1 includes a workflow definition 2 that includes hard-coded conversation logic 3 that is specific for a particular conversation protocol [[4]]. Those services (e.g., service_1) with the particular conversation protocol [[4]] can interact with the workflow definition 2. Unfortunately, those services that have a conversation protocol that is different from the particular conversation protocol [[4]] could be unable to interact with the workflow definitions 2. For example, when a service (e.g., service_2) whose conversation protocol is not compatible with the hard-coded conversation logic 3 attempts to interact with the workflow definition 2, there is failure. As can be appreciated, the hard-coded conversation logic 3 limits the interaction of a workflow engine with those services (e.g., service_1) with a conversation protocol that is compatible with the hard-coded conversation logic 3.

Amend the paragraph on page 17, lines 10-11, as follows:

In this embodiment, an adapter [[1130]] 1030 that translates messages from the eFlow format to the one of the specific platform adopted mediates all accesses to the ESP.

Amend the paragraph on page 19, lines 1-9, as follows:

When the conversation logic is hard-coded at the time the node is specified, the node can only interact with services that support a conversation ~~protocol~~that protocol that is compatible with the hard-coded conversation logic. In this case, if the hard-coded conversation logic is tailored for the first car rental service, then if a dynamic service discovery mechanism returns the second car rental service, the node is unable to interact with the second car rental service. Similarly, if the hard-coded conversation logic is tailored for the second car rental service, then if a dynamic service discovery mechanism returns the first car rental service, the node is unable to interact with the first car rental service.